

Application No. 10/517,971  
Amendment dated September 7, 2006  
Reply to Office Action dated June 22, 2006

Docket No.: 62527(49227)

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The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's taking time to have telephonic interviews on August 22, September 1 and September 6, 2006 to discuss the proposed amended claims sent by facsimile from the Applicants on August 22 and September 5, 2006. The Applicants believe that the Applicants and the Examiner had reached agreement on the allowability of the claims attached to this response.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

Claims 15-25 are pending in the application. Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 15, 21 and 24 have been amended.

Support for the amended claims are throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter cancelled by this or a prior action in this or a subsequent continuation application.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Claims 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP5399618, abstract, cols. 1-6 and claims.

In order to expedite the examination, applicant canceled claims 16 and 17 and amended claims 15, 21 and 24 as agreed upon by the telephone interview described above. Support for the amended claims are found, for example, page 86 lines 20-25 of the specification.

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Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within response. However, if for any reason a fee is required or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Dated: September 7, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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